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ARE HIGHWAY FATALITIES AVOIDABLE?

You can pick up a newspaper anywhere in the United States, any day in the week, and you will read about fatal highway accidents. The accidents you read about will be mostly local unless the victims are of wide importance and even the local deaths will get small space unless the people are especially prominent.

In a recent study of drivers involed in fatal highway accidents, highway officials found that only a very small per cent served time in jail not all involved paid fines. And many of the drivers were not penalized by the courts in any way.

In regard to many of the highway fatalities, the public takes the view that they are the result of the hazards of the road. While there is basis for such a conclusion, in regard to some accidents, the fact is that many are caused by failure to follow regulations set up for highway safety. The careful supervision of the issuance of drivers licenses, rigid inspection and strict regulations will do much to cut down the death toll on our highways.

The time to avoid many fatal accidents is before they occur. Afterwards, it is too late to do the victims any good.

ON FAMILY LIVING

One of the amazing facts of modern life is the failure of many people, men, women and even children to take a personal interest in development of a happy, safe and intelligent family.

Men who are wizards in the business world often make miserable failures as husbands and fathers. Women who are attractive in looks and intelligent in activities also often fail dismally in making homes duplicate these attributes. Children who amaze strangers by their good qualities rarely exhibt these virtues when within the family circle.

Let us make it plain that we are not talking about dissolute, profligate or worthless people. We are referring to the people who are considered the backbone of local society and the pace-setters of local affairs in the communities.

There will be some people who read this and realize that their family, as a social unit is happy, harmonious, cooperative and eminently successful by any standard. Their families are to be admired. Whether they know it or not, they are a great deal more fortunate than many others.

There will be other men and women who will instantly admit to themselves that their own home life and its development of admirable family traits is not as it might have been or could be.

CONGO FREEDOM

The dilemma faced by the democratic nations in trying to establish a free nation in the territory of what was formerly the Belgian Congo is a good example of premature nationalism.

It is one thing to agitate for independence and full rights and recognition. It is another for a nation's people to be ready to accept and live up to the responsibilities of democratic citizenship.

The communists and nationalists in the Congo demanded the Belgians get out of Africa. Finally, with terrorist activity on the increase and civil war threats being faced, the Belgians pulled out, reluctantly.

Where there was some semblance of order, under Belgian administration, there is very little today. The territory is split into three or four countries, the communists are opposing the United Nations in the international organization's efforts to bring peace and order out of chaos and now the United Nations is itself threatened with bankruptcy because of the Congo squabble.

Of course, the Russians are using the Congo as an excuse to refuse to pay their share of the costs, and perhaps they would have found another excuse if the Congo situation had not been what it is. But France has announced she would not pay her share of Congo costs.

The costs to the world are considerable—in trying to forge an independent and democratic country, or more than one, in the Congo. And the Congolese are not even satisfied with the U. N. help being extended.

So, it is one thing to force an administrative power out of a backward country, or area, and another to establish a democratic government, capable of normal functioning, in its place.

A MAN INTO SPACE

There are reports that Russia may have put a man into space, and brought him back to earth. How far "into space" is not known, as this is written. Apparently, not far enough to obit.

At Cape Canaveral, the United States is preparing to shoot a man up into space and back down again —not into an orbit, but to reach a moderately high altitude. The U. project is a bit less complicated than the Russian, but the successful completion of either would be of great historical significance.

If the space man is successfully and safely recovered in these attempts, we will have actually entered the age of manned flight through outer space. After this start, the developments are sure to come at a fast pace—just as they did with the airplane.

The Wrights flew first just after the turn of the century. By the time of World War I, pilots were fighting each other in various kinds of aircraft, and aircraft were taking pictures, dropping bombs, and fighting it out in the skies with machine guns.

If progress would follow at a similar pace, within ten years of the first flight into outer space, or thereabouts, man would be soaring around the world, in orbiting satellites, going up and down on rockets and doing various things in outer space—such as taking pictures, measuring the elements, etc.

And the day must come, eventually, when individuals will travel in space contraptions.

The sixties will probably be remembered in history as the decade when man finally broke the shackles of the earth's atmosphere and went out beyond, into the vast unknown reaches of outer space, to begin his discovery of the many, many earths and planets both far and near.

THREE GREAT SPORTS

There are three great sports which occupy the attention of the American people: baseball, football and basketball.

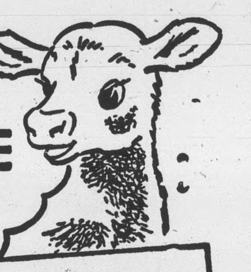
There is much to be said of each of these games. All of them tend to develop certain abilities, mental and physical, of the players, and offer interesting spectacles to those who sit in stands to watch the players perform.

Football, through its very nature, puts emphasis upon weight. Two individuals, one weighing 180 pounds and the other weighing 200 pounds, who can perform identically, offer no problem to the astute coach. He selects the man with the greater avoirdupois.

Basketball, as it is now played, lays special emphasis upon the height of the players. The six-foot plus boy naturally gets the call over the five-footer because he can drop the ball into the basket more often. It has practically come to the point where height, vitally necessary in securing possession of the ball, is the predominant characteristic sought by coaches in connection with their teams.

Baseball, somewhat by contrast, places no premium upon weight or height. Neither is it an obstacle to the successful performance of a baseball player whose height and weight do not add to the value of a man to any team. In baseball, practically alone of the three sports the individuals compete more nearly on a basis of ability, with particular emphasis upon physical attributes.

Rumania reorganizes governmental system.



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Spout Spring, April 6.- Mr. and ... H. P. Ray, of Salem, Va. spent ...nday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. ...rlyle Scruggs.

...Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carson, of ...ackesburg, Va., spent the week-... with relatives here.

...Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Morris and ...ughter, and Mrs. W. J. Walton, ...Hampton, Va., are visiting rela-...es here.

...Mrs. Roy Rainey and son, of ...r, Va., spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas.

Mrs. J. H. Cyrus is improving at her home here after undergoing surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital several weeks ago.

Misses Laura and Barbara Caldwell, of Lynchburg, Va., spent the Easter holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson and children were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle Scruggs on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Oliver visited in the home of Mr. W. A. Moon last Sunday.

Mrs. Van Cleaf, and children, of Ford, Va., visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Walton during the Easter holidays.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, April 11.- Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, of Roanoke and Mrs. Harry White, of Lynchburg will visit several days this week with Mrs. Mildred Mann.

Miss Faye Thornhill was the supper guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan, of Buckingham.

Mrs. Lillie Dunaway, of Nathalie is spending some time in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill visited with relatives near Chase City Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy & Johnnie were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Thornhill, of Appomattox.

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Vera

Vera, April 11.- "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, and call ye upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6.

We really have been having cold weather for April. It surely is a late spring.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mrs. Eva Hayden, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson and Sylvia, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mrs. Janie Chernault and family visited in Washington on Sunday in the home of Mr. Robert Chernault.

Mr. Jim Haskett and Mr. Thomas F. Norris, National Park officials, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Tuesday.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson on Wednesday night.

Miss Gail Webb, who has been in Virginia Baptist Hospital for some time, is better and hopes to be able to come home soon.

Mr. Sonny Watson has been spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

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ACHIEVEMENT DA... PROGRAM HELD HE...

The Sixtieth Annual Achievement Day program was held at the Carver-Price High School auditorium with an attendance of about 250 4-H club members and friends of 4-H club work. The reports of the delegates to the State Short Course, Wild Life Camp, and the Tractor School were given. Also talks from members on the progress reports of members and club projects and the county and state honors to date. The county medal winners for the 1960 club work year were: Achievement, Ernest Humbles; beef, James Haskins; canning, Barbara Forbes; dairy, Hershel Forbes; garden, Bunk James- forestry, Doris Ferguson; food preparation, Mildred Johnson; health, Clinton Turner; health, Barbara Reed; tractor, Robert Fleshman; tractor, Charles Ferguson; swine, Ernest Humbles; crops, Lloyd Forest. Eight 4-H members now have 15 pigs (market and sale) projects. The ultimate purpose of these projects will be to sell these pigs—grown to (200 lbs.) at the 4-H and NFS Market Show and Sale event—to be held in August, at the Lynchburg Stadium. Mr. Lacy Webb of Vera ...greed to keep and ... 4-H project service bo... p...red, registered Duroc) purchased from the Shirey Bros. Farm. All 4-H members with purebred sow and litter projects will use this animal.

The pine seedlings for "Reforestation" were delivered to the 4-H members and adult farmers - totaling 9,500 seedlings planted; 4,800 were planted by adults, and 4,700 were planted by 4 - H members. One 4 - H member, with the aid of her uncle, planted one acre, (1800) plants.

The demonstration community: Hixburg, was presented $30.00 in total prize money for community improvement efforts. They are working on the community project of church improvement and beautification. The award money will go toward lawn, drive and shrubbery for the outside improvement of the church grounds.

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Oakville

Oakville, April 11.- We are so glad to say the sick are improving. Mrs. Richard Bondurant came home from the hospital in Richmond Sunday, and Clarke Lewis is still in the hospital in Roanoke, but will come home this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington, and boys of Goldsboro, N. C., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore and daughter, Jane Ann, of Beckley, West Va., spent the week-end of Easter with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Moore.

Mrs. Fleming Drinkard celebrated her birthday Sunday, with all her sisters and families, her brother and sister-in-law, and mother. They all enjoyed the wonderful dinner and wished her many more happy birthdays.

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FOUR H'S BUSY IN WOODLANDS

Over 5,000 of Virginia's 4-H'ers have "taken to the woods" in the educational sense of the phrase.

Forestry projects, in which the boys and girls learn the rudiments of timber production and management, are increasingly popular in the state. One phase of the projects are competitive forestry demonstrations, and county winners will soon be gathering to vie for district and state awards.

W. A. McElfresh, assistant forester at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, says district contests in forestry demonstration will be held: April 15 at Petersburg; April 29 at Farmville and Roanoke; and May 13 at Richmond and Abingdon. The top two contestants in each contest will receive scholarships to the state 4-H Short Course this summer at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where they will compete further for state honors.

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